

Oregon OSHA Construction Advisory Council

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Alta Schafer	Donnie Chandler	Mars Garcida
Amanda Davies	Eden Berestoff	Mike Brunenkant
Amber Lloyd	Eric Bongen	Nathan Taylor
Anna Makela	Hailey Sorenson	Phillip Wade
Annmarie Earl	Ilene Ferrell	Renée Stapleton
Barbra Anderson	Ilona Hyett	Robert Miller
Barry Moreland	J. Cordill	Roy Shawgo
Bill Haskins	James Burke	Sean Gremer
Brian Jensen	Jamey Goodman	Sean Tinker
Brett Warming	Jennifer Stewart	Shane Tercek
Bryon Snapp	Jeremy Lawson	Stephen Canon
Caleb Harris	Jim Hill	Steve Barrett
Connie Graybeal	Joe Forest	Thomas Price
Craig Tweedy	John Frank	Travis Stone
Dale Lindstrom	Katia Costa-Black	Ursula Lande
David Rekdahl	Maggie Gerlicher	
David Smiley	Mark Spring	

The meeting was called to order by Dale Lindstrom.

Thank you all for joining the hybrid meeting. Introductions of people in person were made.

Please make sure if you are joining the meeting virtually that you have your first and last name, along with your company. If there is no name listed, you will be removed from the meeting for security purposes.

Previous Meeting Minutes.

The September meeting minutes were approved.

Lessons Learned & Safety Suggestions:

Nothing was shared.

Contractor Spot Light Discussion:

Emily Huang, PhD from Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences shared a presentation about [Advancing Workplace Culture and Climate: From Safety to Total Worker Health® to Respectful Workplace.](#)

You can reach out to Dr. Huang if you have any questions or would like more information: huangyu@ohsu.edu

Rule Updates:

The Oregon Legislature passed 2 bills for Oregon, HB2024 and SB537: Workplace Violence in Healthcare. We are coordinating with OHA and October is the first Rules Advisory Group meeting.

Federal Rulemaking updates: there are 26 proposals that are open for comment and we will be evaluating if they are adopted to ensure we are at least as effective as the federal rules.

Federal OSHA is also looking at making updates to the general duty clause- this came from the Supreme Court descent.

Construction illumination- removing the illumination requirements.

There is a SIP project (Standards Improvement Process), that says it is deregulatory, but didn't share specifics so there will be more to come on that.

Oregon has to be at least as effective as, and a lot of the time our rules are more effective than the Federal OSHA rules.

Hazard Communication- still on hold because we are waiting for clarifications from Fed OSHA.

[Lead rulemaking](#): general industry and construction. We are at the point of changing federal rule language to Oregon rule language. It takes a bit of time, but once done it would go to RAG and will have a fiscal impact review.

We have a new Technical and Standards Manager, Gretchen Hall-Wunderlich, who will be starting September 22, 2025.

Penalty updates:

Our penalties are updated annually based off the Federal OSHA the CPI index. With Federal OSHA being a part of the Federal Government shut down, we don't have the information needed to update, So we have to wait until we have more information.

Monthly Accidents and Fatalities Report:

If there is an accident or a fatal incident that you would like more information on let Jennifer Stewart or Alta Schafer know so we can track it and can discuss once the case is able to be discussed.

The following is preliminary information as reported at the time of the accident intake.

Accidents –

Summary:

29 Accidents – 6 construction, 21 general industry, 1 agriculture, and 1 forestry

3 personal medical and 26 trauma

Fall (same) 7

Fall (lower) 4

Struck by 6

Caught In 4 (Amputation 3 of the 4)

WPV 1

Exposure 4

Construction

(1) 9/29/2025, Medford

The employee was climbing up a 12 foot step ladder to gain access into the attic and the ladder slipped out from under them. They fell approximately eight feet to the floor. The employee was taken to the hospital and treated for broken bones and internal injuries.

(2) 9/26/2025, Lebanon

While loading pipe on the drilling rig, an employee was struck in the head by a drilling pipe. Employee was transported to the hospital and treated for a head injury.

(3) 9/25/2025, Umatilla

Employee was using an electrical saw on a piece of wood, cut tip of his finger. Employee was transported to the hospital and treated for a laceration.

(4) 09/17/2025, Portland

The employee was working alone removing a pin from a lifting arm for a tensile machine. It was sitting on some cribbing. When they removed the pin, something shifted, and the 35lb metal part pinched their left middle finger and amputated their finger above the first knuckle. The employee grabbed their finger and asked a coworker to get a supervisor. EMS was called, the employee was transported to the hospital and treated for an amputation.

(5) 9/3/2025, Lebanon

Employee was wearing personal fall protection system. The employee tripped and fell through a skylight opening 6-feet to lower surface. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for multiple broken bones and internal injuries.

(6) 9/03/2025, Beaverton

Employee was taken to the hospital for chest pains. The employee was treated for a personal medical condition.

NON-CONSTRUCTION

(7) 09/16/2025, Umatilla

A truck driver/forklift driver was loading racks of large plastic pipe onto a flat bed truck. The driver knocked a rack of pipe off the truck which fell to the ground on the opposite side of the truck. A pipe struck an employee. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for a broken bone.

(8) 09/08/2025, Tigard

An employee was on a ladder painting a house and fell off of the ladder (approximately 5 feet). The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for broken bones and joint injuries.

(9) 09/09/2025, Clackamas

An employee was moving a truck transmission when it fell off of the hoist. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for multiple broken bones on their hand.

(10) 9/05/2025, Harrisburg

Employee was using a rag in the right hand to clean roller on equipment. Their left hand inadvertently contacted the machine control, causing machine to cycle. The employee's right hand pulled into the equipment with the rag. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for a laceration and amputation of the tip of the pinky finger.

(11) 09/21/2025, Portland

An employee was bit by a spider. The bite became infected and required hospitalization for treatment.

(12) 9/29/2025, McMinnville

An employee stated they were not feeling well. They were transported to the hospital and treated for a personal medical issue.

(13) 9/23/2025, Hillsboro

An employee was found unconscious on the floor. They were transported to the hospital and treated for a personal medical issue and a fractured skull.

(14) 9/24/2025, HILLSBORO

Employee was accidentally knocked over at work. They struck a table while they were falling to the ground. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for a fracture and/or dislocation to their shoulder.

(15) 9/21/2025, Springfield

Employee fell in hallway. They were transported to the hospital and treated for a hip injury.

(16) 9/22/2025, Portland

Two forklift operators were operating in the same aisle. One operator exited the forklift they were operating and was struck by the other forklift. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for a broken leg.

(17) 9/21/2025, Portland

Employee reported back pain to their supervisor. The next day the employer was notified by the employee that they were admitted for care due to the back injury.

(18) 09/06/2025, Boardman

Employee fell down stairs. EMS was called, the employee was transported to the hospital and treated for broken bones and joint injuries.

(19) 09/10/2025, Bend

Employee has a personal medical condition that became infected from a workplace incident. The employee went to the hospital and was treated for an infection.

(20) 09/16/2025, Medford

An employee fell out of the back of the bus. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for a broken arm and knee cap.

(21) 09/15/2025, Wilsonville

Employee was feeling ill at work. They were transported to the hospital and treated for a personal medical issue.

(22) 09/12/2025, Portland

Employee was assaulted by residents in a homeless encampment near work location. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for internal injuries.

(23) 09/12/2025, Eugene

Employee had an allergic reaction while at work. They were transported to the hospital and treated.

(24) 09/14/2025, Hood River

Employee was bending over and fell. Their head impacted the wall. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for head, neck, spine injury.

(25) 09/12/2025, Portland

Employee was experiencing a personal medical issue and fell to the ground. EMS was called, the employee was transported and they were treated for a personal medical issue and possible injuries from the fall.

(26) 9/04/2025, Bonanza

Employee was replacing damaged tire. During inflation, the tire ruptured and struck the employee. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for multiple broken bones in their right arm and wrist.

(27) 9/02/2025, Hood River

Employee fell walking across a work space. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for damage to their hip.

(28) 9/02/2025, Echo

The employee was moving livestock in a chute. A cow struck an employee and trampled them. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for multiple injuries.

(29) 09/09/2025, Roseburg

The employee was operating the stacker and thought the carriage was shut off. The employee reached in to retrieve a board, and the stacker released. Their hand was crushed by the load. They were transported to the hospital and treated for multiple injuries, including the amputation of their right pinky.

Fatalities –

Summary:

4 Fatalities – 0 Construction, 4 general industry, 0 Agriculture, 0 Forestry

4 associated with personal medical

(1) 09/21/25, Hillsboro

An employee was found dead at their work station. It appears to be from a person medical condition.

(2) 9/11/25, Medford

The employee experienced a personal medical event at work. They were transported to the hospital and treated for the personal medical issue and died at the hospital.

(3) 9/12/2025, Medford

Employee noticed another employee stop breathing. CPR was started. EMS was called and EMT's called the time of death. Coroner and funeral home came and took possession of the body.

(4) 9/5/2025, Clackamas

The employee experienced a personal medical event at work. They were transported to the hospital and treated for the personal medical issue and died at the hospital.

Anonymous Questions:

If you have anything you would like to bring up at the meetings and would like to stay anonymous, let Rick McMurtry, or Dale Lindstrom know, and they will bring it up for you.

There were no anonymous questions this month.

Round table:

Construction Safety Summit: brix- First Aid care we have AFC clinics and On -Site Safety and Health coming to share on their programs

Oregon OSHA Consultation-

11/13- PFO training- lockout tag out and forklift safety.

If you have any topics that you would like Oregon OSHA to talk about to the group, please let [Alta Schafer](#) or [Rick McMurry](#) or [Dale Lindstrom](#) know.

Next Meeting:

December 9, 2025

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